



**COUNTY OF PLACER
AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION**

CHRISTINE E. TURNER
Agricultural Commissioner
Sealer of Weights & Measures

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION MEMBERS

Tony Aguilar	Richard Johnson
James Brenner	William Morebeck
Patricia Beard	John Nitta
Paul Ferrari	Vicky Morris
Wayne Vineyard	

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MINUTES

PLACER COUNTY AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION MEETING

March 12, 2007

Members Present: Patti Beard, William Morebeck, John Nitta, Richard Johnson, Wayne Vineyard, Vicky Morris
Members Absent: Tony Aguilar, Paul Ferrari, Jim Brenner

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** - Meeting called to order at 7:05 by Chairman Wayne Vineyard.
- II. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR MARCH AND MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 12, 2006**
MOTION: Richard Johnson
SECOND: Pattie Beard
UNANIMOUS VOTE
- III. **PUBLIC COMMENT (The Commission does not act on items under Public Comment).**
- IV. **INTRODUCTION OF VICKY MORRIS** – Josh Huntsinger
Vicky Morris was approved by the Board of Supervisors at their February 6 meeting as Agricultural Commission Member representing "Vineyard/Winery Industry."
- V. **REVIEW OF 1997 WILLIAMSON ACT ADMINISTRATIVE RULES-** Christine E. Turner
The Commission continued their discussion of some of the rules and language in the existing 1997 Williamson Act Administrative Rules. The Board of Supervisors, Agriculture Commission, Planning, Department of Conservation, and U.C. Coop had a workshop in March to revisit these issues and clarify the meaning of some of the rules.

Some of the Commission members have concerns that if the Administrative Rule guidelines are raised too high, there will be more people wanting to leave the contract than getting into it. There are still concerns that if the guidelines are not raised, there would be no distinction between hobby farming and viable income. Before the Commission makes anymore Administrative Rule recommendations to the Board of Supervisors, it was suggested that farmers come to the Agricultural Commission meeting in April and voice their opinions or concerns, and give some influence.

The members voted on one recommendation only and would like to bring forward all others to another meeting for more discussion.

Motion to incorporate requirement of a 5-year Business Plan in application in addition to \$4,500 income requirement, to establish a planned viable production of Agricultural Enterprise. Vineyard/Johnson/MPUV

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Agricultural Marketing Program Activities** - Nancyjo Riekse.
- Report of Agricultural Marketing Activities for March
- B. Economic Development Board (EDB) Update** - Lyndell Grey. No report
- C. Livestock and Natural Resources Farm Advisor** - Roger Ingram. No report
- D. Horticultural and Small Farms Advisor** - Cindy Fake. No report
- E. Municipal Advisory Council (MAC) Agendas/Minutes** - Patti Beard. No report
- F. Placer Parkway Meeting Update** - William Morebeck.
- Hand out
- G. Agricultural Water Supply Subcommittee/Ag Water Waivers** - Christine E. Turner. No report

VII. AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER'S REPORT – Josh Huntsinger for Christine E. Turner, Agricultural Commissioner.

- Rice permit conditions available
- New Weights & Measures person sometime in October

VIII. NEW BUSINESS AND GENERAL COMMISSION COMMENTS - None.

IX. ADJOURNMENT - There being no further business to come before the Agricultural Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 9:18. The next regular meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 12, 2007 at the Planning Commission Hearing Room in Auburn.

Recording Secretary
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